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Centennial medal

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The American Numismatist Society,

156 Street & Bdwy.,

New York City.

For the attention of Mr. E. F. Newell

Gentlemen:-

I have donated to the Red Cross my gold medal, one of two struck at the United States mint, in commemoration of the establishment of the Government in the national capital, on the occasion of the celebration of the District of Columbia centennial, December, 1900. This medal was presented to me as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. The other gold medal was given to President McKinley. The die was, of course, destroyed.

I shall be grateful if you will tell me, first; whether your Society would like to buy the medal and if so, what price you would suggest: second; if your Society does not desire to buy the medal can you suggest to me any other Society or individual in New York or elsewhere who would do so, and what price might be expected. Of course I am hoping to find someone who would give, not what might be called the market price, but an extra price for the benefit of the Red Cross.

I am sending a similar letter to Mr. Eidlitz in case Mr. Newell should be out of town.

Yours very truly,

Henry B. F. Macfarland

July 9th, 1917.

Henry B. F. MacFarland, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Newell at hand. As I do not see any likelihood of catching him in the immediate future, I am replying to your letter. Our Society is not in a position to buy at the present moment any medals of great value, and our chance of interesting any one in your medal at the present time is very small. Also I do not know of any institution or collection who would buy the medal. Just what you should ask for it is a problem as no actual value can be placed on a thing of this kind. I regret that I can not give you any better satisfaction.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.